

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
PENDLETON DIVISION

MICHAEL EUGENE LEAVERTON,

Petitioner,

v.

**MARK NOOTH, Superintendent,
Snake River Correctional Institution,**

Respondent.

MOSMAN, J.,

No. 2:12-cv-01205-HU

OPINION AND ORDER

On November 20, 2013, Magistrate Judge Hubel issued his Findings and Recommendation (“F&R”) [26] in the above-captioned case, recommending that the petition for writ of habeas corpus [1] should be DENIED, and the proceeding dismissed with prejudice. Judge Hubel recommended that a certificate of appealability be DENIED because Petitioner has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. (F&R [26] at 19.) Petitioner objected [28] and Respondent responded [29].

DISCUSSION

The magistrate judge makes only recommendations to the court, to which any party may file written objections. The court is not bound by the recommendations of the magistrate judge, but retains responsibility for making the final determination. The court is generally required to make a de novo determination regarding those portions of the report or specified findings or

recommendation as to which an objection is made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). However, the court is not required to review, de novo or under any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the F&R to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). While the level of scrutiny under which I am required to review the F&R depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, I am free to accept, reject, or modify any part of the F&R. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

Upon review, I agree with Judge Hubel's recommendation, and I ADOPT the F&R [26] as my own opinion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 2nd day of January, 2014.

/s/ Michael W. Mosman
MICHAEL W. MOSMAN
United States District Judge